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SUBJ: ENERGY - GOL REACTION

REF: LUXEMBOURG 751

1. MARCEL MART, MINISTER FOR TRANSPORT AND ENERGY, ANNOUNCED NOV 7 THAT GOL HAS TAKEN MINIMAL ADDITIONAL MEASURES TO AVOID POTENTIAL ENERGY CRISIS. IN ADDITION TO GENERAL EXHORTATION TO REDUCE THE CONSUMPTION OF OIL AND GAS AND THE INSTITUTION OF EXPORT LICENSING (SEE REFTEL), THE GOL HAS ANNOUNCED THAT ALL GAS STATIONS WILL BE CLOSED FROM SATURDAY AFTERNOON THRU SUNDAY EVENING AND THAT THE FILLING OF JERRY CAN WILL BE PROHIBITED. CUSTOMS POSTS HAVE ALSO BEEN ADVISED TO KEEP A CLOSE WATCH ON BORDER TRAFFIC ENTERING LUXEMBOURG TO OBTAIN GASOLINE PROVISIONS.

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2. GOL IS TREATING ENERGY PROBLEM IN CONFIDENT MANNER WHILE AT THE SAME TIME ARMING ITSELF WITH POWER TO TAKE MORE SEVERE MEASURES AS NECESSARY. GRAND DUCAL DECREE SIGNED NOV 7 ALLOWS FOR EVENTUAL BANS ON SATURDAY AND SUNDAY DRIVING AND FOR THE STRICT REATIONING OF PETROLEUM.

3. MART INDICATED THAT THE CONSUMPTION OF GASOLINE IN THE GRANDDDUCHY HAS INCREASED BY 30 PERCENT DURING THE PAST FEW WEEKS, DUE IN PART TO INDIVIDUAL HOARDING IN JERRY CANS AND ALSO TO HEAVY PURCHASES BY CROSS-BORDER TRAFFIC, DRAWN BY LOWER GASOLINE PRICES IN LUXEMBOURG. ACCORDING TO VICTOR SCHMIT, MINISTRY OFFICIAL RESPONSIBLE FOR PETROLEUM MATTERS, GOL IS MONITORING STOCKS ON DAILY BASIS AND MORE SEVERE MEASURES WILL NEED TO BE TAKEN IF THOSE ANNOUNCED YESTERDAY DO NOT RESULT IN REDUCTION IN CONSUMPTION OF MORE THAN 10 PERCENT. SCHMIT IS MEETING WITH MAJOR OIL COMPANIES (ESSO, BP, SHELL, CHEVRON, CHEMIE-PETROLE) ON A REGULAR BASIS AND WILL DISCUSS PETROLEUM PRICES WITH THEM TOMORROW. SCHMIT BELIEVES THAT GOL WILL NEED TO RELAX PRICE CONTROLS TO ALLOW GASOLINE PRICES TO INCREASE. HE ALSO FEARS THAT MORE STRIGENT MEASURES MAY NEED TO BE TAKEN IF BELGIAN STOCKS DECREASESINCE GRAND DUCHY OBTAINS MOST OF ITS PETROLEUM PRODUCTS FROM BELGIUM. FARKAS

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